

# Certification Testing

## 1 CERTIFICATION OF HIPAA TRANSACTIONS

Certification is the independent assessment of HIPAA compliance via a Third Party tool. Verifying the demonstrated capabilities to send and receive a subset of the HIPAA transactions, for specific business purpose, in compliance with the HIPAA Implementation Guides (IG).

## 2 SEVEN TYPES/LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION TESTING

- **X12 and NCPDP Syntax Integrity Testing.** Validates the basic syntactical integrity of the Health Plan's EDI file. Includes testing for valid segment order, element attributes, numerical values in numeric fields, etc.
- **Implementation Guide-Specific Syntactical Requirements.** Validates the syntax required by the transaction sets' specific Implementation Guide (IG). Includes testing for required repeat counts, used and not used codes, elements and segments, required or inter-segmental data elements, non-medical code sets and values, etc.
- **Balancing.** Validates that a set of fields totals to the same value as a different field, as defined in the IG. Includes testing for balanced field totals, record or segment count financial balancing of claims or remittance advice, balancing summary of fields, etc.
- **Situation Testing.** Validates inter-segment situations specified in the IG (e.g., for accident claims, the accident date is present). Includes testing of specific inter-segment situations (i.e., if A is populated B must be populated), validation of situation fields, etc.
- **External Code Set Testing.** Validates both IG-specific code set values and other HIPAA standard code sets such as CPT and NDC.
- **Product Types or Lines of Services Testing.** Validates specific requirements defined in the IG for specialized services and/or health cares specialties such as DME.
- **Trading Partner Specific Testing.** Validates specified requirements for transactions, which are not necessary part of the IG.

## 3 CERTIFICATION CAUTION

Certification does not guarantee 100% acceptance of transactions once B2B Testing begins. It has been demonstrated that different Third Party tools may "catch" or "flag" different error conditions (IG related). Also, most major HIPAA translators have been certified to some level of testing and may again "catch" or "flag" different IG error conditions. These errors must be "worked out" or resolved during B2B testing.

## 4 CERTIFICATION TOOLS

A complete list of certification tool/services can be obtained on the WEDI SNIP website at <http://snip.wedi.org>. The most used third party certification vendors and tools are:

- Claredi
- Velocedi
- EDIFECs
- HIPAA Desk
- Foresight
- HIPAA Validator

## 5 AHCCCS CERTIFICATION TESTING

### 5.1 Selection of Claredi by AHCCCS/MQD

AHCCCS selected Claredi as the certification tool that it will utilize. For more information on Claredi, view its website at <http://www.claredi.com>. This selection was influenced by a number of factors including MCS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid) selected Claredi as the certification tool for all Medicare (Carrier and Internediararies) and their suggestion that Medicaid consider using it as well. In addition, many of our trading partners have also selected to utilize this tool, and Claredi is capable of performing all seven types/levels of IG testing.

### 5.2 Levels of Testing

Although Claredi is capable of performing all seven levels of certification testing, AHCCCS will be requiring the completion of the first five levels for its HIPAA certification testing. This corresponds with the AHCCCS requirement for its trading partners to be compliant to the fifth testing level.

### 5.3 Certification Testing Status Reporting

AHCCCS is reporting its Claredi certification testing status on the *AHCCCS HIPAA Certification Testing Status Matrix*. This may also be accessed from the AHCCCS Testing website's Certification Testing section.